

**SHELTER HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

Draft Minutes

Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 9 A.M.

Shelter Harbor Inn

10 Wagner Road

Shelter Harbor

Westerly, RI 02891

A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at 9:00 a.m. at the Shelter Harbor Inn, Westerly, RI, on December 12, 2009. The meeting was held pursuant to and in accordance with the Published Notice of Meeting and proceeded in accordance with the following agenda:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Moderator called the meeting to order and took roll call. Attending: John Bruno, Mary Harrop, Elly Heyder, Tom Lloyd, Gail Mallard, Jack Waters, members; Peter Ruggiero, SHFD Counsel; Nonie Price, Clerk. Absent: Glen Berwick, Mark Pratt.

II. Approval of October 10, 2009, Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to approve the Board Minutes of October 10, 2009. Open discussion to amend minutes of October 10. The Clerk verbally stated a

correction that the Dinner for 8 will not meet in November and December.

III. Announcements

A new Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Westerly was recently presented to the Planning Board and Town Council by an advisory Committee which met regularly for over two and a half years to prepare the plan. Shelter Harbor residents Gail Mallard and Brian McCuin served on that Committee. The plan is available on the Town of Westerly website (www.townofwesterly.com) as well as in CD format at the Town planning office and paper at the public library. The draft plan protects natural and cultural resources, preserves current zoning districts, limits sprawl and focuses on redevelopment, renovation and revitalization. The next steps are a public hearing by the Planning Board, a public hearing by the Town Council, and adoption of the Plan by the Town Council.

IV. Correspondence - Distributed and on file.

A. Harriet Lloyd – Fisher Cats – distributed – (on file)

B. John J. Partridge – Fisher Cats – distributed – (on file)

C. Mark Kane – Fisher Cats – distributed – (on file)

D. T. A. Smith – Fisher Cats – distributed – (on file)

E. Douglas Edgar – Fisher Cats – distributed – (on file)

F. Phil Sloane – on file and discussed under Old Business

G. Mike Van Vranken – SHCS – on file and discussed under New

Business

V. Treasurer's Report – None

VI. Tax Collector's Report

Tom Lloyd reported he has received all but \$2104.00 in tax payments. Interest is assessed as of October 1, 2009, if taxes are not received when due. Beach Passes are not distributed to residents with tax account in arrears. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Tax Collector's report was unanimously accepted.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Beach

Rhea Palczynski, Beach Committee Chair, presented several points for the SHFD BOG to consider from the October 2, 2009 report.

1. The number of beach passes given the Shelter Harbor Inn was reviewed. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Moderator will discuss with Mr. Dey having the Inn bus be given access to the beach parking lot without a pass. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Board of Governors reaffirmed the policy of June 2007 allowing for 12 weekday passes, except the bus will not need a weekend pass. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Next season, Tom Lloyd will require the Shelter Harbor security person to log the beach tag number.

3. A recommendation was made to change the color of the beach passes each year. Tom Lloyd will coordinate with Shady Harbor to check colors of their beach passes.

4. A suggestion by the committee was made to extend the log area around Port-O-Lets and mark parking spaces on the logs.

5. A motion was duly made and seconded to formally adopt the written policy for closing the beach during storms.

6. The Beach Wedding Policy has two changes made since the October 10, 2009, Meeting. Access for weddings will be allowed through the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. Guidelines on beach use will be distributed to anyone asking to use the beach for a wedding.

B. Beanpot – None

C. Bylaws – None

D. Community Events – None

E. Financial Planning – None

F. Harbor Master – John Bruno reported the docks were put to bed and the water was turned off.

G. Roads – Jack Waters reported the State of Rhode Island has fixed the light at Robin Hollow Road. Rick Perry is lined up to do snow plowing this winter.

H. Safety and Security – Tom Lloyd reported he will secure more reflective sticks to be placed by the fire hydrants for the winter. For safety, it was suggested people who walk after night wear light colored clothes. One of the parking lot guards was not paid, but will be when the hours are reported.

i. Tennis – None

VIII. Old Business

A. Donizetti Road Boundary

The Board discussed the options to substantiate whether there is any encroachment on the platted Donizetti Road. An opinion letter would be about \$1,000.00 and stone monuments would cost \$2,500.00. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to ask Waterman Engineering to write a letter confirming what they have verbally advised, that there is currently no encroachment by any property owner on the platted Donizetti Road. Peter Ruggiero recommended a yearly walk to substantiate the status of the boundary.

B. Past Legal Expenses – Correspondence – on file

The Vice Moderator received a letter from Phil Sloan regarding the remaining balance due Bruce Goodsell's Estate for services rendered. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to have the Vice Moderator consult with the Treasurer on

the bill and release funds from escrow to resolve the bill.

IX. New Business

A. Small Lot Research

The Moderator and Vice Moderator conducted research on small lots in Shelter Harbor. There are 278 lots in SHFD. The SHFD owns nine lots. The Conservation Society owns four lots. There are 65 lots vacant. There are 15, 50 foot by 100 foot lots that would be difficult, or impossible, to build on. There are 50 lots that could be built on in SHFD before reaching capacity.

B. SHCS Zoning Issues – Correspondence - on file

Dorothy Bruno represented the SHCS in presenting information to the SHFD BOG regarding ongoing zoning litigation the SHCS is involved in. The SHCS will likely contact Shelter Harbor residents to further inform them and request financial support in regard to the ongoing litigation.

C. Shelter Harbor Inn Boundary Line

The SHFD Board of Governors reached consensus to move forward in regard to researching the boundary lines of the SHFD and the Shelter Harbor Inn. The findings will be discussed at a spring 2010 meeting of the SHFD Board of Governors.

X. Public Comment

The Moderator was approached by the fireworks company in regard to fireworks. Upon discussion, the Moderator will not take any action in regard to fireworks.

XI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the SHFD Board of Governors Meeting of December 12, 2009. The next meeting will be held on April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. at the Shelter Harbor Inn.

Recorded by

Nonie Price, Clerk